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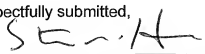
APPLICANT(S) : Meyer et al.  
FOR : Dispenser for Cup-Shaped Articles with  
Improved Clamp-Ring Securement Feature  
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### RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the election requirement, the applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of **Species I: Figures 3-10**. Claims 4 and 5 read on the elected species, and claims 1-3 and 8-17 are generic. As such, an action on the merits of claims 1-5 and 8-17 is respectfully requested. Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species if written in independent form or otherwise to include all limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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